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EARLY STAR LEADS W/REPORT THAT HAK TOLD MCS ACCOMPANYING HIM TO MEXICO HE'LL RESIGN IF HOUSE VOTES IMPEACHMENT BECAUSE "HE FELT HE COULDN'T EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY" UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. GALE MCGEE SAID, "WE SPENT SOME TIME TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM NOT TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION" BECAUSE "HE'S NEEDED MORE THAN EVER IN CURRENT DISARRAY OF US DOMESTIC POLICY." BUT MCGEE SAID HAK "MADE IT CLEAR...HE WOULDN'T AWAIT OUTCOME OF SENATE 'TRIAL'" BEFORE RESIGNING. MCS WERE "SHOCKED" BY HAK'S DISCLOSURE, REPORTS STAR'S O'LEARY, WHO ADDS HAK REPORTEDLY DIDN'T MAKE STATEMENT "W/ ANY OVERTONE OF THREAT...HAK'S ATTITUDE APPEARED TO (MCGEE) TO BE THAT US GOV'TAL PROCESS WOULD BE SO PARALYZED BY IMPEACHMENT THAT FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES WOULD BE CRIPPLED." SOME MCS TOLD HAK "THEY DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS MUCH CHANCE OF HOUSE VOTING FOR IMPEACHMENT."

"HAK THERE TO SEE WHAT HE CAN SI" TOPS NY NEWS PIECE BY SIGALE WHO SAYS HAK "HEADED FOR RELATIVELY UNFAMILIAR DIPLOMATIC WATERS," AND LAT. AMER. MINISTERS "WAITED TO TEST HIS STATED DESIRE FOR A 'NEW DIALOGUE.'"

"HAK TO IMPROVE LATIN POLICY" TOPS ACCOUNT IN INQUIRER WHERE KNIGHT'S MONTALBANO SAYS "HAK IS PROBABLY 1ST RANKING US OFFICIAL TO GENERATE LATIN ENTHUSIASM SINCE JFK."... LA TIMES' WEISLER SAYS LATIN FOREIGN MINISTERS "ALREADY SEEMED CONVINCED THAT HIS WORLDLINESS AND STYLE WOULD SOMEHOW MAKE A DIFFERENCE" IN RELATIONS. IN A VERY UN-LATIN WAY THEY'VE TRIED TO SET UP "A PRACTICAL AND SWIFT CONFERENCE IN LINE OF THEIR IMAGE OF HAK." BUT MOST OBSERVERS DOUBT ANY DRAMATIC NEW US APPROACH TOWARD LAT. AMER. WILL EMERGE.

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MONITOR'S WELLS SAYS NEW US-PERUVIAN PACT ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT MAY PROVE A MILESTONE IN US-LATIN RELATIONS. IT MARKS HAK'S 3RD STRAIGHT SUCCESS -- FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF SALINITY DISPUTE W/MEXICO AND AGREEMENT ON CANAL -- "IN HIS NEW-FOUND INTEREST IN LAT. AMER." US-PERU AGREEMENT IS 1ST GOV'T-TO-GOV'T AGREEMENT SINCE '38 W/\$150M SETTLEMENT "EXPECTED TO BLOW AWAY THE MIASMA OF NAME CALLING AND END THE THINLY VEILED ECONOMIC WARFARE." MONITOR DETAILS ROLE OF PETER FLANIGAN IN WORKING OUT THE ACCORD.

WRITING TO FORBES, ARTHUR SCHLESINGER DENIES REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO HIM THAT HAK'S RESIGNATION WOULD PLEASE HIM AS MUCH AS RN'S. "AS FOR OBSERVATION THAT MY LACK OF SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL WAS EXCEEDED ONLY BY MY LACK OF SYMPATHY FOR ARABS, THIS HAD REFERENCE TO ISRAELI PRESSURE TACTICS W/IN US RATHER THAN TO MERITS OF THE CASE," SAYS SCHLESINGER.

MONITOR'S SAIKOWSKI REPORTS SYRIA WANTS MORE THAN SIMPLE DISENGAGEMENT BEFORE EMBARGO'S LIFTED. DISENGAGEMENT MUST BE 1ST STAGE OF OVERALL ISRAELI W/DRAWAL. THO HAK'S "SANGUINE OF DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS", HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO M-E JUST NOW, SAYS SAIKOWSKI AND IT WAS AT RN'S DIRECTION AND ARAB DESIRE THAT HE'S RETURNING. HE WANTED TO SEND A REP SUCH AS BUNKER OR SISCO AT THIS STAGE. SOME ARE CONCERNED THAT HAK'S FREQUENT M-E TRIPS MAY MAKE WORLD LEADERS "SO RELIANT" ON HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY THAT DECISION-MAKING BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE THRU MORE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. ALSO WILL IMPRESSION NOW BE GIVEN THAT US SPEAKS AUTHORITY ONLY WHEN HAK'S PRESENT? AND WILL HAK NOW SPEND MUCH OF HIS TIME IN M-E SHUTTLE "SANDWICHING LATIN-AMER AND OTHER FOREIGN CONCERNS IN BETWEEN?" SAIKOWSKI ALSO NOTES HAK PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE AGREED TO UNDERTAKE TRIP W/OUT SOLID PROSPECT OF ACHIEVING DEAL.

TRIB'S MCGUIRE LEADS P. 1 TRIB STORY: "SGT. HASSAN, A TOUGH MOROCCAN TANK COMMANDER IN GOLAN HEIGHTS, LIKE SOLDIERS IN ANY WAR, HAS BUT 1 THOUGHT IN MIND. HE WANTS TO GO HOME. AND FOR HASSAN, HIS TICKET BACK TO TANGIERS IS HAK." SOLDIERS ON SYRIAN FRONT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING HAK'S DAILY MOVEMENTS CLOSELY, WAITING FOR HIM TO COME TO M-E. BUT, THO "PRAISE AND RESPECT FOR HAK'S EFFORTS CAN BE HEARD IN DAMASCUS FROM PALACE TO BAZAAR," NOT ALL COMMENTS ARE FAVORABLE, W/1 WOMAN DOUBTING A JEW "COULD BE IMPARTIAL ENOUGH TO PUSH FOR A FAIR DEAL." BUT GOV'T OFFICIAL THINKS JEWISH FACTOR'S A PLUS SINCE "ISRAELIS COULDN'T ACCUSE HIM OF BEING ANTI-SEMITIC" DURING NEGOTIATIONS.

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KEYES BEECH OF CHIC NEWS ASSERTS US-PRC "HONEYMOON...IS OVER." AND THE HAK-CHOU "MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY...IS IN FOR SOME ROUGH SAILING." WHILE "DETENTE IS BY NO MEANS DEAD, AT LEAST NOT YET," HE SAYS, PRC'S FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD WEST "HAS HARDENED NOTICEABLY," BUT DECLINE IN FELLOWSHIP HAS GONE ALMOST UNNOTICED BECAUSE OF "OVERWHELMING PREOCCUPATION OF WESTERN OBSERVERS IN ATTEMPT TO DIVINE MEANING OF CURRENT POLITICAL TURMOIL IN PRC" AND BECAUSE OF "SUSPICION" BY OBSERVERS THAT ADMIN'S "DELIBERATELY PLAYED DOWN DETERIORATION FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS....TO ADMIT US-PRC RELATIONS HAD GONE SOUR AT A TIME WHEN US-USSR DETENTE IS IN QUESTION MIGHT DESTROY THE TWIN PILLARS OF THE NIXONIAN FOREIGN POLICY," SAYS BEECH. "YET SIGNS OF WANING CORDIALITY ARE UNMISTAKABLE."

HUMAN EVENTS SAYS "EVEN MORE REPREHENSIBLE" THAN SOLZ' EXILE HAS BEEN USG'S "FLACCID REACTION...RN TREATEST THE HARSH PUNISHMENT AS A NON-EVENT. HAK, WHO WAS FORCED AS A YOUNG MAN TO FLEE HITLER'S GERMANY, TUT-TUTTED WHOLE AFFAIR, BUT READILY ASSURED WORLD THAT DETENTE WAS STILL FLOURISHING. EVEN PALME UTTERED A HARSHER CONDEMNATION OF SOVIETS THAN ANY US OFFICIAL. HE THEN LEADS IN P. 1 ARTICLE: "US SHOULD RE-EXAMINE CURRENT DETENTE EFFORTS" W/KICKER, "IN LIGHT OF SOLZ EXILE" BY JIM BUCKLEY WHO URGES RN TO CANCEL TRIP TO MOSCOW AND TO "ANNOUNCE MORATORIUM ON ALL...DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS" W/USSR. IF RN-HAK HAVE "NO ROOM FOR MORAL CONSIDERATIONS" IN DETENTE POLICY, THEN "NOT ONLY IS THAT POLICY DOOMED TO FAILURE, IT CONSTITUTES A CRUEL FRAUD ON PUBLIC BY PROMISING WHAT CAN'T BE ATTAINED AND BY LULLING CITIZENS INTO FALSE AND POSSIBLY FATAL SENSE OF SECURITY.," SAYS BUCKLEY. IF SOVIETS WANT ECONOMIC CREDITS, "THEY MUST ALSO 'IMPORT,' SO TO SPEAK "OUR MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY... FREEDOM OF INFO. WE CAN'T FORCE USSR TO STOP JAMMING; BUT WE CAN MAKE IT CLEAR THIS IS PRICE THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY IF THEY WANT US TRADE." AND BUCKLEY AGREES WE SHOULD "THINK OF TANYA" --ALL THE TANYAS WHO'VE SEEN THEIR FAMILIES TAKEN AWAY BY KGB AND "SHO SURVIVED LENINGRAD ONLY TO BE SENT TO SLAVE LABOR CAMP. LET'S THINK OF TANYAS WHO'RE IN EVERY SOVIET CITY AND TOWN AND EVEN NOW SEE THEIR HUSBANDS AND SONS SENT TO MENTAL HOSPITALS FOR CRIME OF HAVING THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY FROM REGIME."

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL BELIEVES ENERGY CONF "MUST BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESS" AND EMPHASIZES "ENORMOUS IMPORT" OF NATIONS' AGREEING TO "TAKE STEPS ESSENTIAL TO SOLVING LONG-RANGE PROBLEM...SHOULDN'T BE OVERLOOKED AS ATTN IS DIVERTED BY FRANCE'S OBJECTIONS" TO SOME DETAILS. FURTHER, CONF WAS "SIGNIFICANT DEFEAT" FOR FRENCH, SAYS EDIT, WHICH WARNS "TOO MUCH SHOULDN'T BE MADE OF US ROLE," FOR WHILE "IT'S TRUE US TOOK INITIATIVE" IN CONF, "US HAS NO MONOPOLY ON COMMON SENSE."

OTHER DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

HUMAN EVENTS SAYS THURMOND REPORTEDLY "WENT THRU THE CEILING" WHEN HE LEARNED NITZE, "REGARDED IN '60S AS LEADING UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT ADVOCATE," MIGHT BE NAMED TO KEY DOD JOB. SOME OBSERVERS PREDICT IF HE IS, "THURMOND'S VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF RN AGAINST LEFT-WING IMPEACHMENT MOVES MAY BECOME LESS SPIRITED." HE ALSO REPORTS SOME DOD EXPERTS BELIEVE NITZE "MIGHT SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE DOD'S POSITIONS" ON ISSUES, LIKE ITS "SEMI-HARD" ATTITUDE TOWARD SALT, INSTEAD OF "STRENGTHENING THE HAWKISH VIEWPOINT...THO EVEN CRITICS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HIS HAWKISH MOMENTS, NITZE'S RHETORIC AND ACTIONS IN PAST AREN'T CONSISTENT W/VIEWS OF A 'HARD-LINER.' NITZE'S VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT, IN FACT, HAVE PROVED FAIRLY CONSISTENT -- AND DOVISH -- SINCE '58," HUMAN EVENTS CLAIMS.

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